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BETAL CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the states and districts where betal cultivation is undertaken;

(b) the number of farmers and traders engaged therein;

(c) whether the farmers and traders engaged in betal cultivation are given any facilities by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether any research on betal cultivation has been carried out by the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The States and districts where betelvine cultivation is undertaken are given below:

State	District
Meghalaya	Shillong, Tura, Baghmara, Jowai, Nonghpoh, Nongstoin
Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur, Katni, Mandla, Narsinghpur, Sagar, Damoh, Panna, Chhatarpur, Rewa, Satna, Mandsaur, Neemuch, Ratlam, Gwalior
Orissa	Puri, Baleshwar, Phulbani, Kendrapara, Koraput
Bihar	Samastipur, purnia, Darbhanga
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Andaman
Pondicherry	There is no district level set up
Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Chittoor, Visakhapatnam, Nellore, Ananthpur, Cuddpah, Prakasam and Kurnool
Gujarat	Junagadh
Karnataka	Dharwar, Tumkur, Uttara Kannada, Chickmagalur, Shimoga, Dakshin Kannada, Mysore, Bangalore (Rural)
Tamil Nadu	Theni, Dharmapuri, Madurial, Thiruchirappalli, Karur, Cuddlaore,

	Tanjore, Dindigul
West Bengal	Midnapore East, Midnapore West, Howrah, Nadia, 24-Parganas (South), Hooghly
Mizoram	Lunglei District, Aizawal district
Kerala	Malappuram, Pathanamthitta, Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Thiruvananthapuram
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow, Barabanki, Sitapur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareilly

(b): No authentic estimates of number of farmers and traders engaged in betel vine cultivation and marketing are available.

(c) to (e): During 9h Plan the farmers engaged in betelvine cultivation were supported through establishment of demonstration plots by providing 25% of the input cost limited to Rs. 750/- per plot and promoting use of bio- control agents against pest and diseases with financial assistance limited to Rs. 225/- per plot. Since 2001-2002, these Programmes have been merged with a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture- Supplementing/ Complementing the State Efforts through Work Plans. The scheme provides flexibility to state Government to prioritize the crops and interventions as per the need. The research on betelvine cultivation is carried out by Indian Council of Agriculture Research under the All India Coordinated Research Project on Betelvine at nine centres. During 9h Plan an outlay of Rs. 452.58 lakhs was provided for research of betelvine. So far, 100 collections of betelvine types have been evaluated and catalogued; two varieties released one for South to grow under open condition and another for North to grow under- bareja conditions; crop production technologies worked out and IPM technology developed for control of diseases, pests and nematodes.